GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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EXPLORATION OF GRANITE
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has recently found massive high quality granite deposits in various parts of the country particularly in Bihar ;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof ;

(c) whether the extent of mining of granite in those areas have been speeded up ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) whether any private sector company has been assigned the task of exploration ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) carried out exploration for Granite in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh. In Bihar investigations were carried out in Jahanabad, Gaya, Nawada, Jamui, Munger, Banka and Bhagalpur districts. As per the national mineral inventory prepared by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office of Department of Mines, as on 1.4.2000 the recoverable reserves of Granite in the country are placed at 8664.6 million cubic meters, out of which 175.5 million cubic meters of reserves are in Bihar. The availability of different types of Granite in Bihar is as follows :-

Districts	Types of Granite	Total Reserves(in million cubic meters)
Bhagalpur	Unclassified	35.8
Gaya	Coloured	4.3
Jahanabad	Coloured	135.2
Jamui	Black	0.01
	Coloured	0.12

(c) to (e) : Granite is a minor mineral defined under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, granting of mineral concession for which are governed entirely by Minor Mineral Concession Rules (MMCRs) of the State Government concerned. The concessions therefore can be given by the State Government only. Production of Granite is in progress in Bihar. During the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 the production of Granite in the state of Bihar stood at 851, 1217 and 875 metric tonnes respectively.